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THE MILLS WILL GRIND.—Reno has again thrown wide its sheltering arms to the unhappy victims of "incompatibility of temperament."

It will once more be easy, comparatively speaking, to skip over to Nevada, spend a six months' vacation, and rid yourself of your matrimonial incubus. If you have the price, Reno will make your stay pleasant. Even now they are arranging a series of legalized race meets, with a little gambling on the side, to while away the tedious hours. They are even ringing in the prizefight game so that you may not be ennuied and perchance remember. You will be well received and the "incompatibility" operated upon with neatness and dispatch. Meanwhile you will be kept from thinking. Back at home there may be a heart breaking for love of you, but what matters that? Your temperaments were incompatible; so, in a hasty moment you agreed to part.

Your own heart may ache a little too, when you recall the love light in his eyes as he stood at the altar. You may grow a little homesick when the scent of the orange blossoms is wafted in your window; perhaps there may be a curly haired tot whose head was wont to repose in your mother lap as he lisped the bedtime prayer. Possibly you will miss him as well.

Maybe the emptiness of the future will be worse than the incompatibility. A little forbearance, a tithe of patience might have smoothed the rough places after awhile.

Perhaps if you had taken time for reflection, after that last quarrel, you would not have gone, after all, and two hearts, at least, would have now been gladder.

But Reno beckoned and it seemed to easy. No explanations, no notoriety, just a plea of "incompatibility" and the tin is severed. The heartache comes after, but lasts, oh! so long.

Now that you are there, Reno will see to it that you do not unduly reflect. Reno will speed you to the parting of the ways, or else you might regret your haste, might even return to build a happy home, in time. That would be better, perhaps, for you—a loving husband and perchance a blue-eyed babe—but bad for Reno.

SHORT ONES

"The bear that walks like a man" seems about ready to rise to his hind feet.

A New York janitress failed for \$17,000. They ought to say she succeeded for \$17,000.

No matter what happens to Kaiser Wilhelm, Germany is certain to have a couple of centuries of bills.

Laura Jean Libbey asks, "Is calling a waste of time?" It sure is, Laura, unless you've got better than openers.

There are a lot of us over here waiting for our ships to come in who suspect a submarine has torpedoed them.

Between Europe, Mexico and the Sayre baby Praxy Wilson's life must be just one succession of crises and crises.

One can never be quite certain whether the fellow who says he is a self-made man is boosting or knocking himself.